

A SERMON FOR THE NEW YEAR.

EDITOR OF THE COLORED AMERICAN.

To my Friends and Fellow Citizens of the United States of America, and into who's hands this paper may come, let me inform you that God has spared us all the many years to live and every year we live, we live for a purpose, and during the many years of our earthly dwelling we are called upon to witness New Problems, Propositions and Manifold Innovations, but I wish to tell you as I have told many before, that the Colored People of America are witnessing the most dire and appalling trials that any race or nation, calling themselves civilized, ever witnessed since Christ declared Himself the Savior of men.

It was thought in the days of slavery that in reviewing the circumstances which existed in those days it was considered inhuman and irreligious, but when we pull back the curtains of time and take a peep down in the Southland, we see that our Colored Brother, for the slightest fault and sometimes for worshipping the True God, are taken from their homes and children and burned alive; swung up by the neck; shot down like birds of the air, and all sorts of turpitude, and the half has never been told. My friends I only want to tell you that it is time for Divine action and that God will hold us responsible in the last day if we fail to open our mouths and ask deliverance for those downtrodden people. My reason for these remarks is the lynching of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wideman, in South Carolina, and I ask and pray that every one of us at the beginning of the New Year will open prayers and take some steps to rehabilitate our rights. And as a race and nation, that the Colored People in the South, and everywhere that God's word prevails, and that in all crimes, whatsoever, they be given a Fair Trial by Jury.

Respt. Yours,
SAM'L W. WASHINGTON.
Washington, D. C.

THE HARRIS-ESQUARD NUPTIALS.

Yonkers, N. Y., Special.—On Wednesday evening, December 24th, Miss Mary Esquard became the wife of Mr. L. Harris, of Yonkers, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. Gaskill in the A. M. Zion Church.

The bride was prettily dressed in white liberty satin trimmed with lace and wore a veil of tulle. She carried a bunch of La France roses and entered the church leaning upon the arm of Rev E Johnson.

The bridesmaids were Misses C. Williams and Miss Georgia Robinson, the former wore a gray silk trimmed in pink and white lace, the latter pink silk, trimmed in white lace.

The maid of honor was Miss Sallie Esquard who wore a gown of pink crepe de chine, white lace and white ribbon.

The flower girl Miss Ida Iffort, looked very pretty in a white organdie gown, trimmed with white lace.

The bride received a great many useful and beautiful presents.

The happy couple were at home to their many friends on Sunday, Dec. 28, 1902.

CHURCH AID AT BANQUET.

The Church Aid Society of the 19th Street Baptist church, of which Mr. Joseph H. Jackson is the President, gave a banquet to its members Monday evening, December 29th. Covers were laid for 150 and the menu consisted of all the delicacies of the season. Flowers were in profusion, the table was decorated with ferns and palms. Speeches were made by Mrs. J. T. Layton, A. H. Stevens, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Queen Jackson and others. Rev. Walter H. Brooks in a happy way presented the president with a handsome silk umbrella, the gift of the society. Mr. F. D. Lee then presented albums as souvenirs. The evening was then enjoyably spent in music and singing.

Many prominent persons were present.

PROF. JAMES E MCGIRT

The new Poet and Playwrite, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Jan. 20, 1903. The eyes of literary Washington will be focused on the entertainment given under the auspices of Bethel Society, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Jan. 20, 1903, when Prof. McGirt will make a step in advance of anything that the race has done in his line. Besides giving his regular recital, he will star his own great drama, "The Power of Love,"—the changing of an infidel.



MR. JAMES E. MCGIRT.

This is the first time any poet of the race has written a drama and placed it. The play is short and interesting. It consists of four characters: "Horace," an infidel, who at last becomes a Christian and hero of the play. "Madge" the heroine, at last an angel Part of leading woman, "The Devil," who is at last banished by the angel. Prof. McGirt comes highly endorsed by the leading critics and papers. This is a religious play and destined to do much good. Prof. J. T. Layton will direct a musical program for the occasion.

AMONG THE LOWLY.

The first of a series of popular lectures on the Prevention of Consumption was given last Tuesday evening at the Zion Baptist Church in South Washington. Dr. Woodard of the Health Department spoke in a most entertaining manner and the special lecture illustrated by stereopticon views



REV. D. E. WISEMAN.

by Mr. Chas. F. Weller created much interest. Mr. Weller is the General Secretary of the Associated Charities and has shown great interest in this special line of work. The committee in charge consisted of the following well-known persons:

Rev. J. E. Wiseman, of Church of our Redeemer (Lutheran.)
W. H. Hunter, of Met. A. M. E. Church.
W. S. Duffield, of Lincoln Temple.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

The Armstrong Stove and Manufacturing Company, the Lincoln National Bank, the Charles C. Crooks Company and W. W. Towson & Company last week petitioned the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to adjudicate Leonard C. Bailey, of 609 F street, bankrupt. The petitioners say they are creditors of Mr. Bailey and that he is insolvent. Attorneys Berry and Minor and Hamilton and Colbert represent the petitioners.

A MODEL HOSTELRY.

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enlarged and improved and that many changes and improvements ought to be made in the place to accommodate the large and growing patronage. He put in the neighborhood of \$5,000 worth of improvements on the place; moving the buffet in the front of the building and had Messrs. M. L. Herimell & Sons of Baltimore to make an order their latest and most up-to-date buffet service, designed especially for the Worldorf.

The building is three stories high and has a number of private dining rooms for ladies and gentlemen on the second floor. The third floor which is commodious is devoted to hotel purposes for the accommodation of the guests and boarders. From twelve to fourteen people are regularly employed in the Worldorf under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham. The holiday trade of this year has been the largest in the history of the Worldorf and the management at many times have been unable to accommodate its many patrons.

Mr. Buckingham is a western product having been born in the State of Ohio and served his apprenticeship in the hotels and barber shops of the middle west and east. He received a fair education before he left his native



MRS. T. H. BUCKINGHAM.

heath but frankly admits that he received the finishing touches as a bell man and barber and as a waiter and Pullman porter. He possesses all of that Western dash of doing things thoroughly and effectively and he learned faithfully his lessons of experience. He refers with special pride to the instructions he received from that well-known and popular Ohio leader Mr. Geo. A. Myers, of the Hollenden Hotel barber shop, Cleveland, Ohio. After working for Mr. Myers for a number of years he went into business for himself in the same city, but becoming dissatisfied, he sold out and went to Chicago, where after serving a time for others, he began his itineracy. Mr. Buckingham is a fine specimen of physical manhood, weighing about two hundred and sixteen pounds and standing nearly six feet. His second anniversary as proprietor the manager of the Worldorf was the 11th of last December.

Mr Buckingham gives due credit to the active and intelligent assistance of his helpmeet, Mrs. Buckingham, and attributes to her much of the success which he has achieved. The Four Hundred who live in Baltimore and who live in the sister city nearby, need no introduction to the Worldorf. They are its best patrons because of the smooth and excellent management as well as the high character and quality of the services given. Baltimore and many other cities need a few more Thomas Harold Buckinghams. May his tribe increase.

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!

We believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, and for this reason we say cheers for THE COLORED AMERICAN in Washington, D. C., for its get-up-and-go in journalism. It deserves the patronage of the people all over the country.—The Rock Hill Messenger.

Carrie Lee visited Mrs. Ernest Taylor in Baltimore, during the Yuletide festivities.

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